Boston, Friday Apr. 11/62.

Dear Burleigh,

Mr. Prentiss has only this morning brought in the paper which he had offered to give you, for the writing of the Report. — I had supposed that he was saving up some of the better quality of paper wh. accumulates in his office. But it seems he has brought something like a half-ream of really good, merchantable paper. And I lose no time in forwarding it, to care of Mr. Hill.

Since receiving the 20 pages of Mss. first sent, we have received no more. — We have quite given up the expectation of having the Report ready for the Annual Meeting, and shall now try for the New England Convention. At the same time, it is not desirable to drive you (or for you to drive yourself) beyond yr. strength, nor to have the work poorly done, simply in order to have it done. The mistake has been, this year again, as heretofore, in allowing too little time. — We cannot bear to think of crowding you unduly. Much as we wish to have the Report put upon a creditable footing of promptness. And we don't wish it to fall, from the standard of thoroughness and excellence in all respects, wh. it has attained.

I should be glad of a note from you, soon, letting me know the actual state of things, & the progress made in the past 3 weeks. Write to Boston. We have put no Mss. in printers' hands yet, and prefer not to do so, until we can 'see our way' as the phrase is pretty well "out of the woods".

As ever, Very truly
Yours
S. May Jr

Phillips is still in the West – the calls to lecture crowding in upon him faster than he can meet them; – & the work of them occasioned by the attempt at Cincinnati to silence, and kill, him.

Let me hear from you, if possible, by mail not later than Monday from Florence. We wd. much like the Report for the Newburyp. Convention, if possible. The printers will do their part. Probably the type will be set in the Liberator office this year

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